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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 21 November to 16 December 1950

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE PREPARED 18 January 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Between 21 November and 16 December 1950, no Soviet troops were located in Camp Werder near Jueterbog (N 52/E 69), except for housekeeping personnel of the Kech in Luckenwalde. German workmen were still employed in the camp. On 21 November, soldiers from a unit in Wittenberg were again seen disassembling a wooden barracks building and hauling it to Wittenberg on five trucks.

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At about 1 p.m. that day, five trucks [REDACTED] arrived from Wittenberg to pick up lumber in Camp Werder. However, the trucks were denied access to the camp and had to return empty. The Kech office in Luckenwalde had strictly forbidden the removal of any lumber, particularly of the wooden barracks buildings. The fact that the unit from Wittenberg had disassembled a total of three buildings was interpreted by Kech authorities as sabotage. (1)

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3. On 2 December, the senior lieutenant who had inspected the camp on 29 November returned and stated that the camp would be improved. With two trucks he went to Luckenwalde and picked up pipes for water mains at the Kech depot. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the unit had finally handed over its billets in Camp Werder. Officers of the unit had stated that a similar camp would be constructed near Magdeburg. [REDACTED] the 6th Div from Wittenberg would take over the camp section previously occupied

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by the unit from Rosslau. [redacted] the Kech was working on plans to enlarge the camp to quarter two additional units. (3)

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5. [redacted] seven soldiers of the *komendatura* in Jueterbog II had left during the recent weeks, allegedly going to the U.S.S.R. for demobilization. No replacements for them had yet arrived. [redacted] 450 officers had arrived in Jueterbog since 11 December and were billeted in the Fuchsberg Kaserne, in the Vierjahreszeiten Hotel, and in the so-called Lehrstab A building. Since that time, 80 and 150 officers were observed daily commuting from Jueterbog to Luckenwalde, allegedly to attend courses. (4)

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7. On 15 December, the barracks installation in Jueterbog II was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the personnel observed in barracks traffic wore artillery and tank insignia. [redacted]

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8. The Fuchsberg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops. The beds in most of the squad rooms were arranged in tiers of three. [redacted] the installation was overcrowded. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers entering or leaving the installation wore tank and artillery insignia. No heavy weapons or vehicular traffic were observed. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) According to a previous report [redacted] the evacuation of Camp Werder was completed by 25 October, with only a company of the 6th Gds Pech Div, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Balbanovski (fnu), remaining there. [redacted] On 17 November, unit Balbanovski also left Camp Werder, returning to Altes Lager. A company of the 6th Gds Tank Div from Wittenberg also tore down several wooden barracks buildings in Camp Werder and hauled them away on 15 November. [redacted] 25X1

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- (2) [redacted]
- (3) It is possible that Camp Werder may be improved and enlarged, but the information on the construction of a similar camp near Magdeburg requires confirmation. The construction of a camp near Magdeburg may have referred to the training area at Letzling Heath.
- (4) It is known that officer replacements arrived at numerous military posts and that officer courses were conducted in Luckenwalde. [redacted]

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- (5) Although no data on the billeting capacity of the Fuchsberg Kaserne are available, it is believed that, under Soviet conditions, 1,200 troops can be quartered in the installation without overcrowding. It is probable that the recruits in the installation were crowded for space.

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